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SUBJECT: HARIF ARTICLE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN

1. MAARIV POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH HARIF, IN LENGTHLY WEEKEND COLUMN OF AUGUST 16, ENTITLED "RABIN'S URGENT MESSAGE TO ALLON" PRESENTS FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF RABIN'S CREENT VIEWS ON ISRAELI DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS ON GOI'S ABILITY TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN ON FUTURE OF WEST BANK.

2. ACCORDING TO HARIF, RABIN SENT DRAFT MESSAGE TO ALLONHALF

AN HOUR BEFORE LATTER LEFT WASHINGTON ASKING HIM TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO SECRETARY THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT AGREE TO ANY WITHDRAWAL WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PARTIAL SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN.

3. HARIF WRITES THAT ALLON TOLD AMERICANS THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL OF EVEN ONE CENTIMETER, EVEN WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PARTIAL SETTLEMENT. WILL REQUIRE NEW ELECTIONS. ALLON EXPLAINED THAT IT MAKES NO SENSE TO GO TO THE POLLS OVER PARTIAL SETTLEMENT.

4. HARIF EXPLAINS THAT NOW THE POSITION IS CLEAR: "ISRAEL WILL NOT ACCEPT A PARTIAL SETTLEMENT WHICH INCLUDES A WITHDRAWAL, EVEN A

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MINIMAL ONE, WITHOUT HOLDING ELECTIONS, AND THE PM IS NOT READY

FOR ELECTIONS."

5. HARIF OFFERS TWO REASONS FOR RABIN'S RELUCTANCE TO GO TO ELECTIONS AT THIS STAGE: A) IT IS NOT WORTH GOING TO ELECTIONS OVER JERICHO, AND B) RABIN CANNOT PERMIT HIMSELF TO FACE ELECTIONS WHILE HIS POSITION AS PRIME MINISTER IS STILL SHAKY. (NOT BECAUSE HE HAS FAILED TO PERFORM WELL BUT BECAUSE HE STILL HAS TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS PARTY LEADER.)

6. KISSINGER "SUCCEEDED" IN PERSUADING ALLON THAT IDEA OF "A FUNCTIONAL SETTLEMENT" IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. BUT, HARIF ADDS, ALLON DID NOT HAVE TO GO TO WASHINGTON TO HEAR THAT "FUNCTIONAL SETTLEMENT" PLAN IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO JORDAN. HE COULD HAVE HEARD IT AFTER "THE MEETING THAT DID NOT TAKE PLACE" BETWEEN GOLDA, DAYAN AND HUSSEIN ON MAY 27. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, HUSSEIN AS THAT TIME REJECTED DAYAN'S PLAN FOR JORDANIAN CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION AND CONTINUED ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE ON WEST BANK.

7. HARIF FURTHER WRITES THAT JORDANAIN POSITION IS TO BEGIN BY ASKING FOR PARTIAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL KNOWING THAT LATER JORDAN WILL RECEIVE POPULATED AREAS OF JUDEA AND SAMARIA. THEREFORE, HARIF CONCLUDES, JORDANAIN DEMANDS ARE NOT SO MODEST.

8. HARIF PREDICTS AMERICAN PRESSURE ON ISRAEL. KISSINGER MAY PROPOSE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ISRAEL EVACUATE JERICHO, AND UN FORCE ENTER THE TOWN. BUT HARIF DOUBTS WHETHER RABIN CAN ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSAL, SINCE IT MEANS TERRITORIAL CONCESSION BY ISRAEL, AND THEREFORE NEW ELECTIONS. HARIF ADDS, THAT THERE MAY BE SOME MINISTERS WHO WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSAL "FOR PEACE".

9. COMMENT: HARIF'S KEY POINT THAT ELECTION ON BASIS OF PARTIAL SETTLEMENT REPRESENTS SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR RABIN IS BEGINNING TO SURFACE IN VARIETY OF ISRAELI COMMENTARIES.
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